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ABSTRACT

This document lists references on the teaching of fractions, with many of the entries annotated. They are alphabetized by the author by categories: Activity and Game; Addition and Subtraction; Teaching Aids; Application; Assessment; Curriculum; Decimal; Common Fraction; Division; Equivalence of Fractions; Errors; Fraction Concept; Multiplication; Rate and Ratio; Research; and Teaching. (MP)

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A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF ARTICLES ON FRACTIONS

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A Bibliography of articles on fractions

Fractions occupy an important place in school mathematics programs. According to the survey of the Priorities in School Mathematics Project (1981), four major goals of teaching fractions are related to; (a) their use in vocation, (b) consumer purchases, (c) illustrating basic mathematical ideas and (d) providing solution to algebraic equations. The teaching of fractions has always been a challenge to teachers in all grades. That it continues to be a challenge is attested to by the recent report of the National Assessment of Educational Progress (1990). According to this report, 13-, and 17- year-olds students find fractions to be a difficult topic. Although many of them can successfully apply an algorithm, they have little understanding of the underlying concepts and processes. Students appear to be learning many mathematical skills at the rote manipulative level. In this article a series of bibliography that involved activity and game, addition and subtraction, teaching aids, application, assessments, curriculum, decimals, division, errors, equivalent fractions, fraction concept, multiplication, rate and percent, research and teaching of fractions will be presented. It is the hope of the author that teachers of mathematics who want to emphasize meaning and understanding prior to intensive work with formal algorithms involving fractions will find some of these articles useful.

To conserve space, abbreviations are used for some of the titles of the periodicals in the list itself. Full titles are listed below:

- AMM American Mathematical Monthly
- AT Arithmetic Teacher
- DA Dissertation Abstracts
- DAI Dissertation Abstracts International

ESJ Elementary School Journal
 GT Grade Teacher
 JER Journal of Educational Research
 JRVE Journal for Research in Mathematics Education.
 MT Mathematics Teacher
 SSM School Science and Mathematics.

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